

State Requirements Working Group

Revised Legislative Platform Recommendations

The following items are recommended for inclusion in the 2019 Legislative Platform under the Cannabis section.

- Support specific cannabis regulatory provisions for rural communities to address regional needs and challenges of small farmers.
- Support Self-Distribution license for small cultivators in rural areas.
- Advocate for generator regulations that address the needs of rural counties and small farmers.
- Water Use considerations that are appropriate for rural communities and small farmers that incentivize conservation and regulate cannabis at the same level as standard agriculture.
- Advocate for the removal of the 4 acre cap on Cannabis Cooperative Associations to allow economy of scale for small farmers.
- Support cottage level Microbusiness opportunities and licenses that are streamlined for small rural farmers.
- Support expanded opportunities for direct sales.
- Support the continued development of cannabis business tourism including funding and incentive programs.
- Support expanding the types of cannabis licenses allowed to participate at cannabis events.
- Develop cannabis cottage level licenses allowing home based businesses to enter the cannabis industry.
- Advocate for a State recognized cannabis banking system.
- Advocate for stronger enforcement of illegal cannabis operations.
- Support a state ombudsman program with the Department of Consumer Affairs to address complaints regarding cannabis business to business practices between licensees.
- Support changes to the cottage outdoor cultivation license to allow 25 plants or 2,500 sq. ft.
- Support expanding co-location/shared facility licensing model for cannabis processing.
- Advocate for flexible and reduced/streamlined regulations for small farmers cultivating less than 10,000 sq. ft.
- Advocate for workforce training funding for displaced cannabis businesses/workers that are unable to transition to the new commercial industry.
- Support statewide ban on all forms of genetic modifications/manipulation regardless of its GMO status.